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LETTER DATED 4 DECEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

On the night of 1/2 November 1991, an Iraqi Scania tanker truck driven by Aqil Kazim Sa'd, accompanied by his assistant, Ibrahim Hamid Salman, both members of the Iraqi frontier police force, was delivering water to the Iraqi frontier posts located close to the Iraq-Saudi Arabia borders, when it lost its way, inadvertently entered Saudi territory in the area between the Saudi border posts at Al-Hashrah and Mukur al-Ni'am and was seized by the Saudi frontier authorities. At 0800 hours on 2 November 1991, the truck in question was seen in front of the Saudi Mukur al-Ni'am border post, and it is still being detained by the Saudis, together with its driver, and his assistant.

My Government, which holds the Saudi side responsible for the safety of the two Iraqi nationals indicated above, asks for your humanitarian intervention and requests you to take whatever steps you deem appropriate to induce the Saudi authorities to release them together with their vehicle and to repatriate them to Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative